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Newhall Man Pleads to Killing Childhood Friend

A 22-year-old man pleaded no contest today to killing a friend he knew since childhood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Aldana pleaded no contest to one count of voluntary manslaughter and admitted a special allegation of personally using a handgun. Sentencing is scheduled for Aug. 18 when he faces 10 years in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Matthew Vodnoy prosecuted the case.

Aldana shot and killed Maximiliano Bernal, 22, in February 2016. The two had been friends since they were children.

Aldana turned himself in at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection office in San Ysidro shortly after the crime.

PA085781 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.